

February 28, 2003

Honorable Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW - Portals II, TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Secretary:

Forwarded herewith are Comments of the Maine Public Utilities Commission and the Vermont Public Service Board in the above docket with regard to the Recommended Notice of the Wireline Competition Bureau involving the information used for calculating high cost Universal Service Support for non-rural carriers.

Should you have additional questions, you may contact Joel B. Shifman, the primary staff person in this docket at (207) 287-1381.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure